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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—For lower Michigan—Fair, warmer; winds becoming southerly.

## NORTH END FAIR.

Beginning tomorrow morning the north end will try its hand at the fair business. Many special attractions have been prepared for this fair, and the prospects are that the attendance will surpass that of any meeting in the history of the association. One great feature will be the fish exhibit. The state hatcheries have gone to considerable trouble in preparing a complete exhibit, and this feature is certain to prove very popular. Trotting and racing stakes will be given each day. The stakes trotted for are heavy, and it is certain that the fields will be large.

Thursday's special feature will be a baby show. This is to be held in the main building, and a large number of entries have been made. Governor Peck of Wisconsin, ex-Governor Luco, Congressman Moon, Mrs. Angel of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Bagley of Detroit have been invited to act as judges.

Stocking the strip.

Boatmen sounded a cannon at high noon yesterday and perhaps the biggest race ever superintended by peaceful industry was on. A hundred and forty thousand men, women and children—including hundreds of the biggest blacklegs that the world ever saw—gave the word to mules, mustangs, race horses, prairie schooners, buggies, bicycles or legs, and headed away for choice quarter sections or town lots within the coveted strip. Some of these riders fell by the wayside, but most of the boomers were made happy by securing what will perhaps in time render them independent of hard times and the world's rough usage.

The entrance was not as peaceful as the march of a band of homebreakers should be. Human nature is strong in the Cherokee strip as elsewhere, and it is hard for a man with a Winchester in his hip pocket to locate on a two hundred dollar claim when his unarmed neighbor has come into possession of one worth ten times as much. Especially is this hard in a country where law and order have not yet been introduced. As a consequence the strong took what they wanted and the weak carried off all the rest. In default of courts, disputes were left out to three arbitrators—Winchester, bowie and seven-shooter. Little time was passed in discussing points of law and judgments were quick and final.

The principal struggles occurred over town lots. Several cities that were coyote resorts at noon furnished hotel accommodations at night. The tough element gathered principally in the embryo cities, for there was more money to be made there than in homestead claims. More than one good man paid his life for a lot that he did not get. Blacklegs thronged everywhere and the outrages performed by them were terrible. There is a satisfaction, however, in knowing that law and order will soon rid the territory of that element.

Great race horse.

The Chicago mare, Alix, is the greatest race horse an ear. She is that idol of all professional horsemen, an out-caster. She can go into a race with faster horses—though such beasts would be hard to find—and carry home big purses as often as her owner needs spending money. Her staying powers are marvelous. After making the race heat record in the first heat, in a field of ten starters, going in 2:07 1/2, the game little mare sent four of her competitors to the barn and beat out the other six in the fastest fifth heat ever trotted, winning in 2:09 1/2. It is believed that the drivers conspired to pocket the Chicago mare at every opportunity, and this fact makes her feat the more wonderful.

There are people in this country who believe Alix has got wheels under her such as Nancy Hanks never rode on, and a grand stake could be made by matching the two best mares that ever looked through a collar. Alix is certainly in the first rank, and as holder of the world's race mark the owner of Nancy has no valid reason for declining a race. It is not likely, however, that he will be in any hurry about accepting a duel. The ex-champion is something like a last year's bird's nest, and nobody pays money to go and see him. Public opinion, however, may possibly bring such a match about.

Petard act again.

Gladstone's confidence in the support of the narrow Radical majority has evidently deepened since the foolish rush up against the home rule bill of Tory peers from the insane asylums and bedchambers of Great Britain, and he now announces a program that for very impudence must be a shock and surprise

to the opposition. Instead of appealing to the electorate, the premier proposes to push reforms through parliament that will keep that body busy until 1908.

It is more than doubtful whether Mr. Gladstone would have dared attempt such a gigantic feat had the dissatisfied condition of the government majority manifested a few weeks before the vote on home rule in parliament continued. At that time the continuance of the government party was very uncertain, and it looked as though the bill would not pass.

Thanks to the folly of the Tories in making a special demonstration against the home rule bill, the country is once more in a radical phase, and the premier finds himself with a clean and widely following that justifies him in going on with the reforms promised the country instead of wasting a valuable part of his remaining years in electoral campaigns and contentions.

Gladstone's time cannot now be long, and his successor has not as yet made his appearance in the political arena of Great Britain. Such men are not often born twice in a century, and the party of reform, not only in England but all over the civilized world, is to be congratulated that Mr. Gladstone is practically certain of two more years of usefulness.

Passing of Bismarck.

There is little doubt that one of the two greatest statesmen on earth—the other is Gladstone—is passing away. Late reports from Berlin say the ex-chancellor is afflicted with the terrible progressive paralysis, and consequently the days of Germany's greatest minister are numbered. Whether or not this is true, the fact remains that Bismarck is nearing the close of an eventful life. Whatever may be the ailment, octogenarians do not withstand severe attacks of illness, and that Bismarck is a very sick man is conceded by all.

Bismarck's name is indelibly inscribed high up on the roll of the world's greatest statesmen. His enemies do not deny that fact. His recent life has, perhaps, not been as dignified as such a man's latter days should be, but that does not militate against the assured fact of his greatness. The man who has passed his life in the cabinet generally makes a poor member of the opposition. Unluckily for many of them, statesmen are judged by their deeds and not by their words. Tried by this measure, Bismarck towers above everything but the very foremost ministers of all time. The unification of Germany is the accomplished fact that will stand sponsor for his reputation centuries after the memory of his foolish utterances have blown away like the breath of a shadow.

Whatever his reason for removing the chancellor—whether jealousy or a patriotic belief that Germany no longer required his iron hand—William in no manner affected Bismarck's fame. That will live far beyond the memory of the man who pushed him aside—unless, indeed, the emperor goes down in history as the ruler who displaced Bismarck or as the last of the Hohenzollerns. There is an irony in this indolent dependence of the fame of the remover on the immortality of the removed.

President Fisher of the school board announced the standing committee for the year at the meeting last night. Numerous changes were made. The board voted to supply the different schools with books from the public library for supplementary reading of young pupils, instead of allowing the children to go to the library and select what they choose. Books are to be given out on library cards. A resolution offered by the mayor to grade the high school lot in order to give employment to idle men was adopted after being amended so that the expense would not exceed eight hundred dollars.

Friday night was the most severe of the season on the great lakes. The steamer Manitou, said to be the finest lake steamer, was terribly tossed about and narrowly escaped foundering. Her smokestack went by the board, leaving her without steam or electric lights. Religious services were held on the boat preparatory to what seemed a sure trip to the bottom. Other boats were terribly mistreated, and it is probable wrecks will be discovered.

An interesting report from the city engineer to the common council can be found in another column. It deals with the most important problem of Grand Rapids' welfare—the water question. No suggestions are made regarding an improved water supply, but details are furnished of the working of the one already in operation.

Brant's president has abandoned Rio and the city has fallen into the hands of the rebels. This is the result of the careless wounding of one of the residents during the bombardment. The rebels could not reasonably expect people to remain during the siege when they were so careless about pointing their cannon.

Whisper narrowly escaped scoring another victim at the Soldiers' home yesterday. While intoxicated Edward McWilliams slashed his throat terribly with a penknife.

Letter dispatches from the seat of war state that the serais are still talking. The press is not stopped to make this announcement, however.

Chicago detectives have two of the Kessler train robbers in their custody—or at liberty.

Has any one discovered much Indian summer about the last couple of days?

Members of the Greek Catholic church are married and wear long beards.

Dix Bros. and there are still offices on tap for Michigan democrats.

## FAIR AT NORTH END

West Michigan Exhibition Will Begin Tomorrow at the Park.

## MANY ATTRACTIONS OFFERED

Fine Program of Races for Four Days and Other Features New to the Society.

Following on the heels of the Kent County fair comes the West Michigan fair, which opens tomorrow morning at Comstock park and continues during the week. Many special and attractive features have been provided for this fair, and every effort has been made to insure a greater success than ever and to make the exhibition more pleasant and profitable to exhibitors and visitors than at former fairs given by the society. Entries will close in 10 classes of exhibits tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and Tuesday morning they will all be in place. Among the most attractive of the special exhibits will be the fish exhibit, which fills the center of the main hall. The specimens are from the state and include brook, German, grayling, black bass, gold fish, perch, bull heads, pike, sunfish and whitefish. The aquarium will be surrounded by plants and flowers, which will make an elegant setting and complement for the fish exhibit.

Trotting and racing stakes will be given each day. The grand cavalcade will be given Wednesday at 1 p. m., with a superb collection of horses.

Thursday a baby show will be given in the main building, for which a large number of entries have been made for the prize of a gold watch. Secretary Whitney has invited Governor Peck of Wisconsin, ex-Governor Luco, Congressman Moon and Mrs. Angel of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Bagley of Detroit to be present and officiate as judges of the baby exhibit. The bicycle races will be given on Friday, for which forty-one entries have been made for the ten races. Some of these events will have thirty or more competitors. A large number of crack riders are expected from Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit and Saginaw.

Program of Races.

Following is the program of races and as the track is in excellent condition, some race sport may be expected:

Tuesday, September 19, 1:30 p. m.—No. 1, 3:40 trotting class, \$200; No. 2, trotting stake for yearlings, \$100; No. 3, 2:35 pacing class, \$200.

Wednesday, September 20, 2 p. m.—No. 4, 2:40 trotting class, \$100; No. 5, 3:00 pacing class, \$200; No. 6, 2:22 trotting class, \$200.

Thursday, September 21, 1:30 p. m.—No. 7, 2:35 trotting class, \$200; No. 8, 2:40 stake for 2-year-olds, \$100; No. 9, 3:15 trotting class, \$200.

Friday, September 22, 3 p. m.—No. 10, free-for-all, pace, \$400; No. 11, free-for-all trot, \$400.

Money divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.

Treasurer Pierce has arranged for the sale of tickets for admission to the fair at the following places: White & White's drug store, Eaton & Lyon's book store, E. B. Dikeman's cigar store and Hann's drug store. General admission, children and team tickets will be on sale. Those purchasing will save delay at the entrance to the grounds.

NOTHING BUT ROUTINE.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Little of interest came before the board of police and fire commissioners yesterday. Marshal Lemoine said he breathed easier since it had rained. There had been several small fires, but nothing serious.

Superintendent Carr reported all quiet. He said that transportation for the Detroit detectives who had been here was secured from the D. L. & N. railroad and Boyd Pantland had given the men board, so that it had not cost the department anything to have this extra help.

Fred Webber and Officers Alex. McDonald and A. Welch asked for leave of absence. Referred to the committee on men and discipline.

The following men made application or places on the police force: C. A. Grabie, John Carpenter, W. A. Hughes, John Tuohy and W. A. Spencer.

The petition of the Organized Chiropractic society, asking that the ordinance against begging be enforced was referred to the superintendent.

Commissioner Bender said Alderman Gliden had spoken to him about having a fire alarm box placed in the east end of the tenth ward. The matter was referred to Marshal Lemoine.

The committee on claims and accounts recommended that John McCarthy be allowed two-thirds pay for twenty-five days lost on account of an injury received while in the discharge of his duty. Adopted.

The committee on men and discipline recommended that the following men be confirmed as policemen: Al Wood, H. E. Carr, J. Shilliday, J. J. Byner, Henry Hickox, T. D. Daniels.

The following bills were allowed:

Western Union, \$1.51  
 E. L. Schneider, \$2.50  
 Hawkins & Co., \$3.00  
 Eaton & Lyon, \$8.98  
 Fire Department, \$12.00  
 William Young, \$12.00  
 H. E. Barkley, \$15.90  
 H. P. Grover, \$20.84  
 Brechtling Bros., \$10.00  
 Weatherly & Pulte, \$24.34  
 Olney & Johnson, \$1.65  
 Spring & Co., \$25.00  
 Haxel & Perkins, \$20.92  
 Nelson & Matter, \$4.00  
 S. P. Swartz, \$18.21  
 U. S. Springer, \$33.31

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Fire Underwriters Take Action on M. S. Crosby's Death.

At a meeting of the Fire Underwriters' club of Grand Rapids, held yesterday, the following resolutions on the death of the late M. S. Crosby were adopted:

Whereas, We, the members of the Grand Rapids Fire Underwriters' club, having learned with deep sorrow of the very sudden death of our brother, the Hon. Murray S. Crosby, desire to place on record an expression of our high appreciation of his character, and of our sincere regard and affection for him as a member and officer of this body. We deeply feel that by his death we have lost a wise counselor and a true friend, and that his memory will be greatly missed from our ranks.

Resolved, That we tender our warmest sympathy to his stricken family, with the hope and prayer that "He who doeth all things well" may graciously soothe their sorrow and shed upon them His benediction.

Resolved, That the secretary of this

organization be instructed to convey a copy of the foregoing to the family of the deceased and also to the papers for publication.

Municipal Franchise League.

Great interest is being manifested in organizing municipal franchise leagues in this city. Several meetings have been held during the past week; yesterday afternoon a meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. May G. Fearall in the fourth ward, No. 103 East Bridge street. Women were present from several other wards. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Mary L. Doe, state organizer, and Mrs. Martha Strickland. Another meeting will be held at the same place next Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Crushed His Foot.

Charles Hopp, a painter 25 years old, boarding at No. 221 North Front street, started to ride to Kalamazoo last night on a G. R. & I. freight train, and he attempted to step from one to another at half past seven crossing where he fell between the bumpers. His left foot was so badly crushed that he was taken to his boarding place in the city ambulance. Dr. Bradish thinks his foot will not have to be amputated.

Salesmen's Social Session.

Salesmen's union No. 15 will hold a series of social sessions during the fall and winter in their hall over the Star clothing house beginning at the next regular meeting Wednesday night. The entertainment Wednesday night will be in charge of the following committee: William H. Slicer, John Murphy, John Thompson, Eli Fisherman, W. T. Hewitt and Ed O'Donnell.

Gibbons-Gaffney Contest.

Mart Gibbons, a welter-weight of this city, and William Gaffney of Detroit, champion light-weight of the state, have planned to give a twenty-round glove contest near this city next Wednesday night with four ounce gloves, the contest to be in private. Gibbons will go into the ring at 145 pounds and Gaffney at 138 pounds.

For Carrying the Mail.

The post office department is advertising for bids to carry the mail from the Union and D. A. M. depots to the post office. The contract will be let for an indefinite time to a responsible party without security. Bids will close September 26 and will be considered from any responsible party over 16 years old.

Broke Healey's Leg.

Jim Healey was picked up yesterday morning at the corner of South Ionia and Oak streets with his leg broken below the knee. He was under the influence of liquor and it was learned that he had been thrown out of the Hanson house bar-room. He was taken to the U. B. A. home in the city ambulance.

Mock Congress Organized.

The young men of the Independent Literary society have organized a mock congress. The first meeting to complete organization will be held next Tuesday evening in Good Templar's hall, McMillen block. All young men interested in wishing to become members are invited.

Church Services.

Unity, Unitarian—The Rev. H. Digby Johnston, M. A., pastor. Services at Ladies' Literary club house, Sheldon street. Morning service at 10:30. Subject, "God's Little Things." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Paradox of Religion." Personal Observations and Reflections, the first of a series.

Church of Christ—The Rev. W. J. Russell, pastor. Services morning and evening. Sunday school at noon. The P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Great Christian Paradox." Evening, "Our Relation to Faith." All are invited.

Park Congregational—The Rev. Dan F. Bradley, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Sermon, "The Christian's Motive." Sunday school at 11:30. Young People's guild at 6:30 p. m. Evening service 7:30. Address, "The Wife."

Grand Rapids spiritual association meets in Lockyer hall, No. 2 Entrance No. 23 Fountain street. At 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Maggie Walto, the California medium, will lecture and give test sances.

All Soul's (Universal)—The Rev. Chas. Fisher, D. D., pastor. Morning subject, "Ways of Unity in Religion," suggested by the world's religious congress. Sunday school at 12 m. No evening service.

Trinity Church—Holy communion at 8 o'clock, matins at 10:30, with sermon. Evensong at 7:30 with sermon. Sunday school and Bible class at 3. Vested choir. Seats free. H. H. Johnston, rector.

Plainfield Avenue Congregational—The Rev. J. T. Husted, pastor. Services morning and evening. Sunday school at noon. Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Fountain Street Baptist Church—The Rev. John L. Jackson, pastor. Services morning and evening. Morning subject, "Wanted—A Man." Evening subject, "An Ideal Business Life."

New Jerusalem Church—The Rev. Geo. N. Smith, minister. Services Sunday morning at the usual hour. Subject, "The New Church in the World's Congress of Religions."

Westminster Presbyterian—The Rev. Dr. S. H. Cobb, pastor. Morning and evening service. Sunday school at noon. Young People's prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m.

St. Mark's Hospital—Services in the Tustin chapel Sunday at 9 a. m. by the Rev. Campbell Fair. Thursday, at 2 p. m., service by the Rev. J. B. Hubbs.

St. Mark's P. E.—The Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Service and sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the rector.

Sixth Ward Baptist Chapel—W. A. Studley, superintendent. Sunday school at 3 p. m. The Rev. Isaac Butterfield will preach at 4 p. m.

South Congregational—The Rev. J. E. Smith, pastor. Preaching morning by the Rev. Thomas G. Smith. Y. P. S. C. meeting at 5:15.

Smith Memorial Congregational—The Rev. Thomas R. McRoberts, pastor. Preaching by the pastor morning and evening.

Division Street M. E.—The Rev. A. M. Gould, pastor. Preaching morning and evening. Sunday school at noon.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Mission, Fifth Ward—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Service and sermon at 10:45 a. m.

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## WAS DEEP LAID PLOT

Wholesale Jail Delivery Discovered in Nick of Time.

## FIFTEEN SAWS WERE FOUND

Safe Blowers Engineer the Scheme. Corridor and Cell Doors Sawed and Hope Prepared.

THREE HAVES, Ind., Sept. 16.—A determined and daring attempt was made at wholesale jail delivery from the Vigo county jail here tonight. Frank Bruce, the safe blower who was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment last week, and his alleged pal, "Red" O'Brien, and John Henry, alias "Denver Kid," were the leaders of the delivery. They were assisted by two other daring prisoners—Joseph Arts and Charles Dix—who were arrested recently in Chicago and brought here charged with store robbery. "Red" O'Brien and his wife, who were held on the same charge as Bruce, were liberated Friday through a technicality of the law and were supposed to be in Chicago. Before O'Brien was liberated he assisted and engineered a plot to cut out of the jail and murder or overpower the turnkey, Charles Gillespie. After the court discharged him from jail, the plot was carried out by Bruce, "Denver Kid," Arts and Dix. They sawed a hole two feet square through a corridor door of half inch iron and also cut the hinges of the cell doors. A rope forty feet long was made from the cell cot, ropes being tied together. The authorities got the tip by intercepting a letter sent to "Denver Kid." Fifteen saws were found on the prisoners.

THE PRESENT FINANCIAL stringency has been the occasion of some very remarkable exhibitions of good feeling between employers and employees. That there is a growing recognition of the essential affiliation of interests between the two